

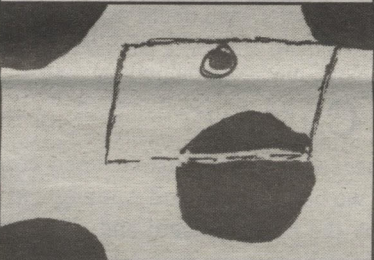
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The band and orchestra brought campus "South of the border" on Friday, September 19 in the annual Pops Concert. It was a relaxed atmosphere with costumes, a pinata, and lively MCs (David Hjelle and Kevin Herdegen) who slid down the aisle in a tobaggan.

Campus reacts to Pimp 'n' Ho'

Steve Kloosterman
Editor

Seniors, juniors, sophomores and freshmen gleefully swarmed into the All Seasons Center and later the Sioux Center Theater for free swimming, movies, pop and popcorn this past Saturday, September 20. The all-campus free night-on-the-town was provided by Student Services as a benign alternative to the "Pimp 'n' Ho'" party being held at an undisclosed location off-campus.

The Pimp 'n' Ho' party, according to Student Services, is an event that takes place every year at various places across the nation. The entry fee to the party is usually around ten dollars. Attendees, who include Dordt students and Northwestern students as well as locals, are encouraged to dress like pimps and whores. According to Student Services, there is a major drive to get freshmen women to attend to allow males attendees to check out the "fresh material" on campus. Although some students claim Pimp 'n' Ho is just a regular costume party, alcohol is always present, and since many of the attendees are not yet 21, underage drinking is a definite danger to, if not primary goal of, many who attend.

Discussion began on Wednesday when Vice President for Student Services Ken Boersma sent an email to Staff and Faculty informing them that the Pimp 'n' Ho' party was to take place on Saturday. "I have not directly informed the staff and faculty before," said Boersma. "We should be wrestling with this issue as a community."

Faculty and staff were quick to respond. "I find it distressing that people

would take on those identities, even in fun," said Prof. Syd Hielema, referring to the identities of pimp and whore. Prof. John Visser responded by emailing students information about Rahab Ministries, an organization that ministers to Thai women and children sold into sexual slavery.

"We need both a practical and principled answer to Pimp 'n' Ho'," said Prof. Gary Vander Plaats. "It's not good enough to bankrupt them economically; we have to demonstrate that they are morally bankrupt as well."

If free swimming and movies are a practical approach, keeping students out of trouble with the promise of free entertainment (as opposed to the ten-dollar entry fee), a prayer vigil and a program on purity in East Hall acted as a principled approach, addressing what is fundamentally wrong with the Pimp 'n' Ho' event.

East Hall held a get-together for underclassman women, entitled "Packaging is Power," featuring a video from best-selling author and speaker Lisa Bevere. "We had a fantastic turnout: approximately 75-80 attendees stayed for a discussion after the video," said resident director Linsay Carlson, who was in charge of the event. Students also kept a prayer vigil going all night long in the BJ Haan, praying for attendees affected by alcohol, praying for people feeling pressured into drinking or sexual situations. Many discussions in and out of the classroom at Dordt also acted as a principled approach, fulfilling Boersma's need to wrestle with this event "as a community."

Well will water new soccer field

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Staff Writer

Working quietly in the shadows of Southview, the boys at Alton Well & Concrete have put down over 300 feet of pipe to supply water for the newest addition to Dordt's campus.

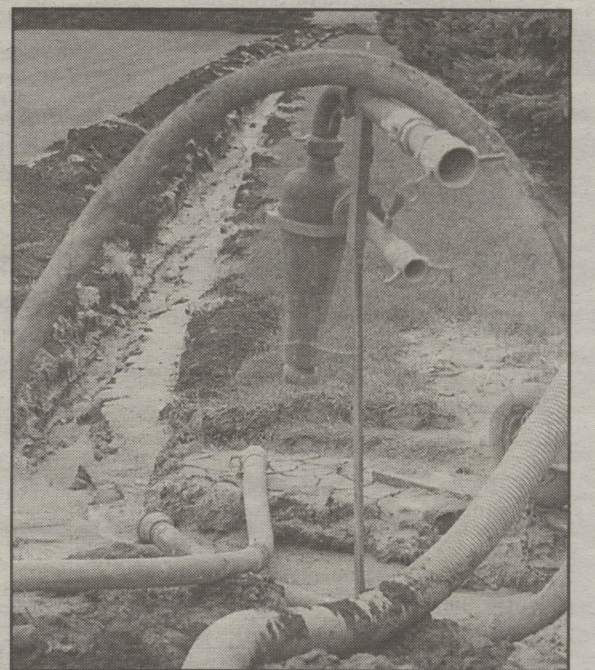
"For the first use of the Kuhl property, we decided to put in new soccer fields," said Ken Boersma, vice president of Student Services. "This allows the current soccer grounds to be converted to parking in the future. A new lot will serve the BJ Haan, De Witt Gym and Rec Center."

The new soccer fields were leveled off earlier in the summer. As the water came, the ground was seeded and the new growth has changed the landscape from earthen brown to lush green. Although progress has hit a soft spot, literally – two of the previous attempted wells collapsed after surpassing the 300-foot depth – Dordt feels that construction is right on schedule. The current digging is the third attempt to provide a water source that can supply the new fields with 200 gallons per minute.

"In 1989 Dordt College put together a strategic plan for the campus. That master plan included moving parking from the interior of campus to the exterior," Boersma said. "By moving parking to the extremities, Dordt can make the interior of the campus more aesthetically appealing. The grass mall that exists in the front of the Campus Center will be extended to the eastern edge of the Rec Center in the future."

Right now, Boersma thinks Dordt will focus on parking needs for the BJ Haan and Rec Center, seeing how the community uses both buildings for many events.

As Dordt looks to the future with its ever-changing campus in mind, students can now join grandparents everywhere in saying, "I remember when that used to be a cornfield."



Sara Prins

The well being dug beside Covenant.

Smart Freshmen

The new academic year has begun, and the freshman class of 2003 already has something to be proud of. The group of 344 students boast an average ACT score of 24.4, a jump of .4 percent in a single year. This score is the highest average ACT score for any previous Dordt College incoming freshman class.

Senior Recital

Beverly Gibson, clarinet and bass clarinet performer, will present a recital at the B. J. Haan on Saturday, Sept. 27, at 7:30 p.m. Gibson has a DMA in clarinet performance and is adjunct instructor at Dordt College, as well as a professor at Augustana College. She has performed with the South Dakota Symphony and

has been a member of numerous orchestras, trios, and jazz ensembles in Texas, Louisiana, New York and South Dakota. There is no cost to attend.

Schaap's latest Touches the Sky

Professor James Schaap has published a new book.

Touches the Sky probes a clash of cultures, lifestyle, and ways to know God and practice faith.

It follows the story of Jan Ellerbroek and his missionary wife, Dalitha, as they search for answers to lingering questions and discover grace, hope, and faith on the killing fields of Wounded Knee.

The symbols deciphered: Anago meets to discuss abortion

Jessica Braunschweig
Staff Writer

At 9 p.m. on Monday, September 16, you may have been casually strolling through the Campus Center only to suddenly find yourself a spectator in what appeared to be some sort of mob scene from a movie. If you had continued walking (tentatively) towards the heated voices and arguments, you may have been tempted to shield yourself from flying debris.

Alas, do not fear! There were no guns at this showdown, (thank goodness for the ever-willful Kaarlo Hinkkala) and the people haphazardly circled up on the comfy chairs and couches of the Eckardt Lounge hardly classify as violent criminals.

Rather, they were merely impassioned Dordt scholars exposing themselves to the different views and philosophies of our world's many cultures.

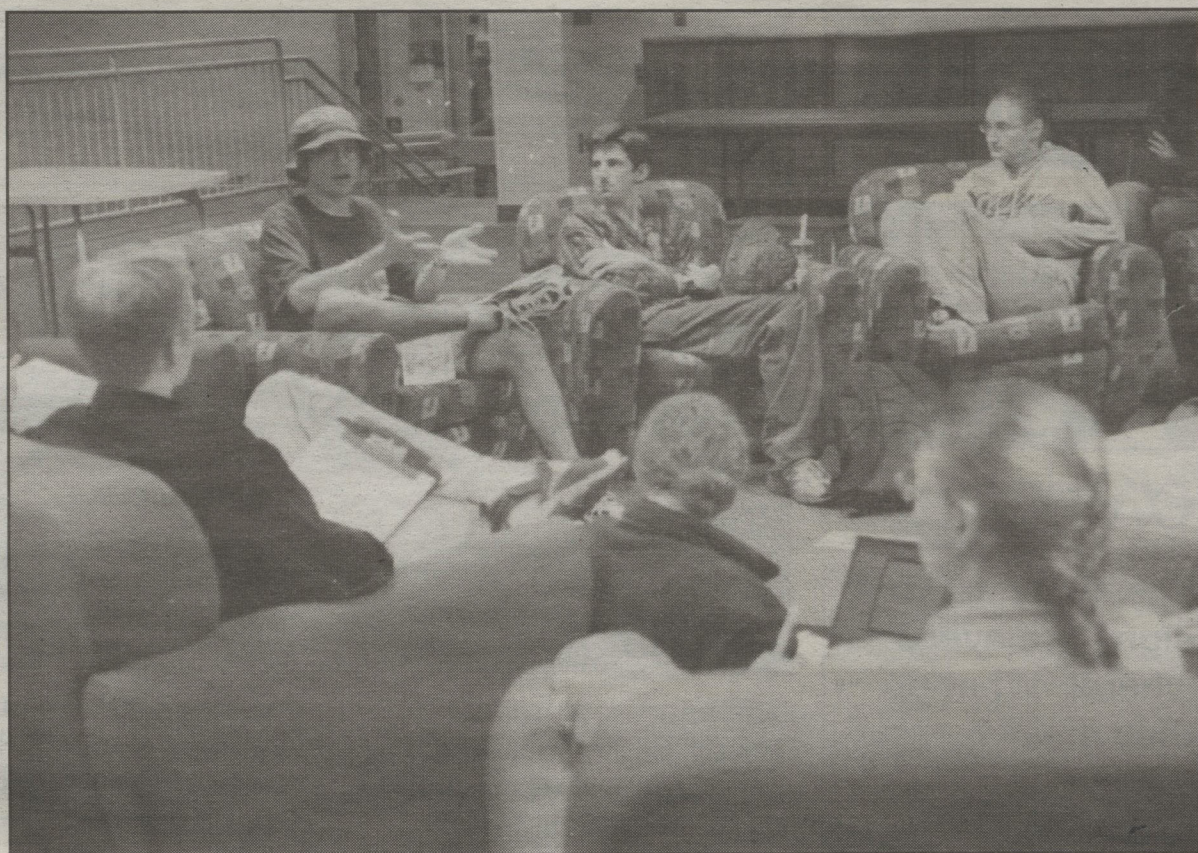
David Hjelle started this discussion group, whose name can be seen splashed across posters around campus. The Greek word, pronounced *Ah-na-go*, literally means "to lead up from a lower

place to a higher place, to make ready, and to prepare oneself." And that's exactly where Hjelle's expectations lay. He hopes the group will offer the chance to prepare for encounters with non-Christians through exposure to worldly ideas and beliefs.

After four years at Dordt, Hjelle realized that with the array of opportunities provided for students, an important aspect of learning was still missing. Not understanding why Christians so often avoided philosophy, he asked himself, "What if we started discussing other non-Christian ideas with the ultimate goal of becoming better messengers of the Gospel?" And that's exactly what has begun.

Last Monday was the second meeting for the group, discussing abortion and asking the question, "Why be philosophically pro-life?" The "debate" kept everyone on their toes, listening and arguing the fine points of the worth of humanity and fundamental reasons for abortion. More seats expanded the circle as the night went on; at one point, over 20 people were involved in the discussion.

Sound too deep for you?



Beka Schreur

David Hjelle leads a discussion of abortion in the Eckhardt Lounge last Monday.

Don't bet on it. While the discussion certainly made you think and question your beliefs, Hjelle kept the discussion light and informative, peppered with bits of humor.

The group meets every Monday night at 9 p.m. in Eckhardt Lounge and looks forward to many more topics and guest speakers

including atheists. God has granted Christians great opportunities to spread His Message; therefore it is important to understand the essential truth of Christianity and how to better witness to and understand the world.

Come and check it out! Students, professors, everyone is

welcome! Simply bring your voice and an open mind. However, due to the nature of some discussions and that of Dordt Policy, it is strongly advised that you leave your weapons at home.

For more information: <http://homepage.mac.com/dahjelle/anago/>

Gift, Chapel begin anew

Andrea Vander Wilt
Staff Writer

The chapel and GIFT seasons are both underway for the 2003-2004 school year at Dordt. Chapel is held from 11:00 to 11:30 on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and GIFT takes place every other Sunday from 8:30 to 10:00.

There will be a few minor changes taking place in the GIFT services this year, starting with a new GIFT coordinator, Ian Ross. The GIFT band will also be smaller, giving GIFT a more intimate, personal feel.

GIFT will have a more evangelical approach this year, focusing on growing as a community at Dordt. Each service will have its own theme, derived from issues that Ross sees taking place in the community. Not only will

the services focus on growing as a community, but will also help teach people how to enhance their worship with God.

Chapel will be mostly the same as last year, with the exception of a new chapel coordinator position. A grant has also been received which will help fund a worship retreat that will take place later in the year.

Each chapel service on Thursday will focus on the topic of grace. The goal of chapel is to portray an order of worship that goes all through our daily lives, not just the block of chapel.

Ross commented that he hopes that "through GIFT we can tear down the barriers that are built as we grow up in society, and allow ourselves to throw off the old self." Both chapel and GIFT are good ways for students to enhance their relationship with God.

Student Forum: Your Voice on Dordt's Campus

Submitted by Diana Hoogerhyde,
Student Forum Press Secretary

To be able to speak on behalf of someone may be one of the boldest assertions one could make. How can one person express the essence of another's ideas, perspectives, and values?

However bold the goal, this is the mission of the Student Forum on Dordt's campus. Student Forum's purpose includes the claim that it "shall speak on behalf of the students, accurately articulating their expressed needs, concerns, and criticisms."

That is a tremendous task; but eighteen students, elected by you, have eagerly stepped up to such a challenge. These individuals come with their unique gifts and perspectives, yet each comes prepared to encompass the student body as a whole as a Forum.

Such a task cannot be accomplished in a vacuum; Student Forum needs each of you, as part of this community, to be just as bold in sharing concerns and issues on campus. This can be as simple as everyday conversations in the dorm, the Commons, the Humble Bean, etc, which are pursued past the last drop of coffee. As members of this community, we are each called upon to be open eyes, ears, and hearts to discern

where we have succeeded as a Christ-centered community and where we have been found wanting.

So stop by the bulletin board and check out the faces of Forum, talk to your representative, visit the website and share a concern, come visit one of our weekly meetings in the boardroom, support Forum in their unique role of seeking active change on campus. Enable eighteen students to achieve their bold goal: to be your voice.

You can find our weekly minutes on the bulletin board in the Campus Center or visit us on the website: http://denis.dordt.edu/offices/student_services/student_forum/

Student Forum Members: Andrew Hoeksema, Diana Hoogerhyde, Matthew Kunnari, Chris Kuperus, Daniel Michael, Jason Mulder, Dan Oldenkamp, Matthew Olsen, Kristen Rietsema, Jarris Rubingh, Orpah Schiebout, Timothy Shutte, Jake Te Winkel, Salome Toryem, Philip Van De Griend, Benjamin Vander Woude, Justin Van Zee, Dan Zylstra

Out 'n' About

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9/11 Mastermind Speaks

Khalid Shaikh Mohammed, a mastermind of 9-11, told U.S. officials that the attack was five years in the making and was to be followed by additional suicide attacks.

In its first stages of planning in 1996, the terrorist attacks originally planned for hijacking five planes on each American coast. Al Qaeda leader Osama Bin Laden changed the plans when he sought to pull off the attacks simultaneously.

Bin Laden also cancelled hijackings in East Asia. It was too hard to synchronize the attacks so he chose to narrow the attacks solely on the United States.

Source: www.CNN.com

Man's Best Friend – Kangaroo?

In Melbourne on Monday, September 22, a kangaroo was named a hero after aiding in the rescue of a farmer who was seriously injured when hit on the head by a falling branch.

Len Richards was checking his property for damage that might have occurred after a severe storm when he was struck unconscious by a falling branch. The kangaroo, Lulu, stood over Len Richards' unconscious body and barked like a dog for fifteen minutes until the rest of the family came out to investigate.

Lulu was adopted by the family ten years ago when they found her still in her mother's pouch after being hit by a car.

Source: www.cnews.canoe.ca

September 26, 2003

Catch-22

Sarah Meyers
Staff Writer

My inbox was hit this week-not by spam, exactly, but from faculty warnings about some huge party happening this week-end. Call me out of the loop, but I hadn't even heard of where or when the Pimp and Ho party was going to be. A friend of mine who decided the work world was better suited for her than college told me two weeks ago, "Yeah, I'm going as the biggest pimp to the Pimp and Ho."

That got me wondering about how big this supposed party would be. As Orange City Unity Christian High students, we knew about this annual get-together, but

no one I knew went. I went through the week-long orientation here, and one of the few things I enjoyed and actually learned from was "The Show."

Something stuck with me from "The Show," and I'm pretty sure it was meant to. The last lines, delivered straight to the audience, had a gist of: "You're all alone. No parents to tell you what to do. You can do pretty much anything you want with your friends. And the teachers don't care." The actors turned around, then faced the audience again. "You're not alone! There's help when you need it and friends you can count on. And the professors really do care."

That was the main message that I got from the faculty-sanctioned performance. But this week, I got the feeling from the faculty communications to all students that Dordt was taking the role

of over-protective parents. I understand Dordt is on a very thin balance beam. On the one side, they could have students sign pledges not to do The Big Three (drugs, alcohol, sex) and hold them to it. On the other, they could let students find out for themselves what The Big Three are like. A lean too far to either end and they fall off the balance beam and gain a whole different reputation. Catch-22. It's clear that Dordt does not wish to get a new reputation of being too conservative, or too liberal, and I respect them for that.

But there was, in my opinion, a better way to go about talking to the students about the Pimp and Ho party. First of all, the faculty needs to realize that the party is not the only "partying" that students participate in. Secondly, Dordt needs to start believing its own curriculum in that when we get to college, our worldviews are

pretty solid already. We explore in classes what we believe, but the foundation's already been laid. Third, students who've always secretly wanted to drink or who are already will find a way to drink. Period. The alternatives proposed had too much of a ring of my after-prom lock-in party, where we got abstinence material but the kids who were there weren't the ones going out to have sex.

What could Dordt do instead of mass emails about prostitution? Perhaps the RAs could talk to their wings about the dangers of these parties. That would be preferable to the discussions that took place in GEN 100, where no one in their right mind would have come out in favor of binge drinking. Whatever they do next year to combat Pimp and Ho, Student Services should get student feedback from their tactics of this year first.

Dear JJ Reed:

Last issue of the Diamond included a quote that scared us in more ways than you should care to know. This quote came from some residents of East Campus F building, concerning marriage.

The quote mentioned that all the good-looking guys were married. What about the rest of us, those who may not be so good-looking? Also, does that mean that any guy who isn't taken is therefore ugly? Please help us out before our self-confidence shrinks to the size of a grain of silicon dioxide.

--F Building S.O.S

Dear S.O.S.:

First of all, I have to say that you are not ugly. You may be symmetrically challenged, but that does not directly make you ugly. On the other hand, your ugliness may inhibit your ability to get married, or to even get a date for Friday night.

But seriously, let me ask this of you first. What do you normally do on Friday nights? Do you hang out with friends, watching movies and socializing? Do you watch TV with your roommates during the week? Or do you sit in your dorm room/home/apartment, doing homework on Friday nights while the rest of the world takes a night off to relax? This may be one factor you should consider.

But I think I have found the deeper issue. Have any of you actually yet been on a date with a girl you weren't related to? Have

LIBERTY

*Are moral
enforcements moral?*



JUSTICE

Peter Anderson

Staff Writer

When we talk of freedom in America, so often we think merely of civil liberties, such as whether one has the freedom to smoke or ingest chemicals currently deemed legal. The defense of social freedoms has its place. However, the debate over civil liberties has tended to eclipse our cognizance of economic liberties. This problem is exacerbated by the Republicans who are viewed as the American bastion of market freedom, but chill to a different beat.

One blatant example has been President Bush's latest funding proposal regarding Iraq and Afghanistan. How often have we heard the president talk about bringing freedom to the Iraqi people, which in essence appears to only mean having a democratic political process? However, Bush's plan for bringing freedom to Iraq reduces the notion of freedom to a zero sum game.

Apparently freedom in Iraq can only be increased by coercively taking \$87 billion from the American people – the size of President Bush's war funding package recently sent to Congress. Whether the \$87 billion comes from increased taxes or inflation, the individual's economic liberty to allocate their resources as they see fit has been greatly reduced. To throw further disrepute on the Republican claim to market friendliness is seen in the newly proposed energy bill. The subsidies proposed in this bill are just another outrageous example of the government interfering with the division of labor and capital allocation. The proposed Senate bill allocates \$9.9 billion in subsidies to oil and gas producers while the House topped this figure with an \$11.3 billion total.¹ Subsidies take from the efficient and give to the inefficient and hence labor is not allocated to its most efficient sources.

Likewise the plan for the Arctic National Wildlife Reserve – which may possibly be scrapped from the latest energy bill – is also

loaded with subsidies to encourage the development of land that may not even be profitable by market standards. This is not only egregious waste but also an attack on our fundamental economic freedom to voluntarily pay for those things that we want. Instead it is our Republican dominated government that has decided who should give to what individual, company or organization. Ultimately we must not be blindsided by the defense of social freedom and forget our fundamental economic freedoms. Secondly, we must see that the Republican claim to favoring free markets is virtually a sham. It is quite telling that the man who raised protectionist tariffs for steel – President Bush – is now talking about increasing free trade globally.² No consistency and no freedom.

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you even ever talked to a female you weren't related to? You may want to start with this, and then work on getting to know them. Girls aren't necessarily evil, despite what you may have heard about them. In fact, some of them are actually wonderful people.

For all of you female readers out there, let me ask you this: if some guy started talking to you, would you give him the time of day? Or would you bite his head off, tear his self-confidence to shreds, and leave him a wondering, hurt, sorrowful shell of a person? The point is, not all of the good-looking guys are married or even taken. Maybe they just lock themselves in their rooms, doing homework around the clock, too nervous to even walk on the same sidewalk as you. Maybe you ought to go talk to them and see what happens.

I've not known any guys who have ever been bitten by a girl, nor any girls mortally stricken by the cooties. Don't stress about meeting new friends, people!

Seniors gain experience as interns

"I had never worked in manufacturing before, and it opened my eyes to a whole different job environment. I like seeing how things are built, and there's a lot that goes into making a window." -David Vander Tuin on a spring internship as line manager at Pella Corporation in Sioux Center. Vander Tuin's line built wood casement windows for the corporation's "Architect Series."

"I learned a lot about business relations. Unlike classes, I found something I really wanted to do, and could actually apply what I had learned. An internship anywhere is definitely a good experience."

-Dave Schurman on a spring internship in Chicago at C.H. Robinson Worldwide. Schurman's internship consisted of dealing with customers and working on the business' Home Depot account.

"I'm an internship junkie."

-Jasmine Moeller on her spring and summer internships. In the spring, Moeller worked for WGN-TV in Chicago. She helped gather news and story creations, and aided reporters with field production on breaking news. This summer, she also interned at Metro Studios in Cedar Rapids, helping make commercials and promotional material.

"Personally, I like to be out in the field. I grew up on a farm and that's just what I'm used to. I like being outside by nature."

-Corey Rozenboom on his research internship at DuPont/Pioneer Hybrid International, Inc. in Johnston. Rozenboom collected data in research fields and gave presentations on his research. He also worked with experimental design and set-up.

"I think internships are very important, especially in a business-related field. You know you're not getting paid, but hopefully you know the experience is worth more than the money. I guess I'll find out in about a year." -Katie Branderhorst on an internship at Vermeer Manufacturing in Pella. Branderhorst was employed in the Human Resources department, dealing with training and development. She was placed in charge of developing case studies on pieces of employment law.

Walstra enjoys real world experience during internship at Oklahoma State

Carl Van Stryland

Staff Writer

For senior Kristen Walstra, Oklahoma may not have lived up to all her expectations of the winds sweeping down the plains, but her internship this summer at Oklahoma State University was still a great experience for her.

"It's actually not the big prairie like I had thought," said Walstra, an environmental studies major from Muskegon, Michigan. "It's almost mountainous really. There's not a lot of water, and it's really stinking hot in the summer, but the people are great and it's a really pretty place."

Walstra spent eight weeks of her summer working as a geography intern, performing soil and water research of the basin of the Stillwater Creek. Her job consisted mainly of working with The Global Positioning System (GPS) and Geographical Information System (GIS) technologies. GPS is a satellite navigation system designed for and operated by the U.S. military. The satellite signals are used to compute positions in three dimensions and help to locate specific latitude and longitude. GIS is a computer program designed to combine layers of information to give a better understanding of a certain place. It can be used to create a topographical map for an area.

Walstra credits former environmental studies professor Ken Petersen for getting her interested in an internship experience. Petersen always had a file on hand of summer possibilities. Walstra received an e-mail from fellow environmental studies major Matt Bakker, listing a Web site of internship opportunities. Walstra then looked for internships where her interests and abilities met. She applied for nearly five internships and was offered the job at Oklahoma State.



Beka Schreur

Walstra worked in forested areas similar to the one pictured above.

A typical day for Walstra usually began before 8 a.m. in hopes of avoiding the afternoon sun. On average she went to a couple sites each day, spending approximately four hours at each site. Once the sunscreen had been applied, she would put on her waders and begin to accumulate GPS points. Her tasks included identifying vegetation and taking digital photographs of the area. She also learned how to survey in order to show the slope of the land and the flood plain.

Walstra said her classes at Dordt prepared



Beka Schreur

Kristen Walstra employs some of the skills she learned while working as an intern this summer at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater.

her adequately for her internship.

"In environmental studies 161 and 162, and also for wildlife biology, we did some mapping at and around Dordt, which was really helpful," Walstra said. "Once we got there, we had two weeks of training. Because I was not as familiar with GIS as I was with GPS, I could focus more on that. I think one of the main reasons I got the job was because I had a lot of field experience at Dordt."

Her internship was based on an initiative at Oklahoma State to show the economic value of the river without any industrial interference. Walstra said she worked with another intern, who focused on the home values along the river compared to homes not located on the river.

Walstra was one of 10 interns at the university during the summer. Phil Vande Griend, a senior from Orange City, was an intern in the psychology department. The other interns came from all across the country, including Penn State University, the University of Rhode Island, Arizona State University and the University of Northern Iowa.

"We were in a dorm type setting, so we got to know each other pretty well," Walstra said. "We would eat, sleep, and play together. It was a good time, but at the same time, it was more of a real world experience. I was the only Christian in the group of girls, and it was interesting to hear what they had to say about the world. It helped me apply my Christianity outside of Dordt and the Christian Reformed setting. It was not always easy, but it was more realistic."

Although Walstra did express a few frustrations about her internship, overall, she labeled it as a positive experience, and encouraged others to participate in the program or other programs.

"Because it was in the summer, our mentors kept taking off for vacation, which was a little frustrating," Walstra said. "Also, it was an eight-week program and two weeks were spent in

training, so I kind of felt we were at a stand still before we got going, but I would definitely recommend it. The pay was not as good as a normal summer job, but the experience was definitely worth it."

Despite staying busy with her internship, Walstra still found time for fun on the side. Oklahoma State University is located in Stillwater, which is about equal distance from both Tulsa and Oklahoma City. Walstra said one of the highlights of her internship was being able to see the Oklahoma City National Memorial, commemorating the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in 1995.

The city of Stillwater is just under 40,000. Walstra, however, said the environment was rather similar to Sioux Center.

"The two cities are actually pretty similar," she said. "It's a pretty small town, and the people are really laid back there. There's a lot of walking and biking, and everybody still gets what they need at Wal-Mart."

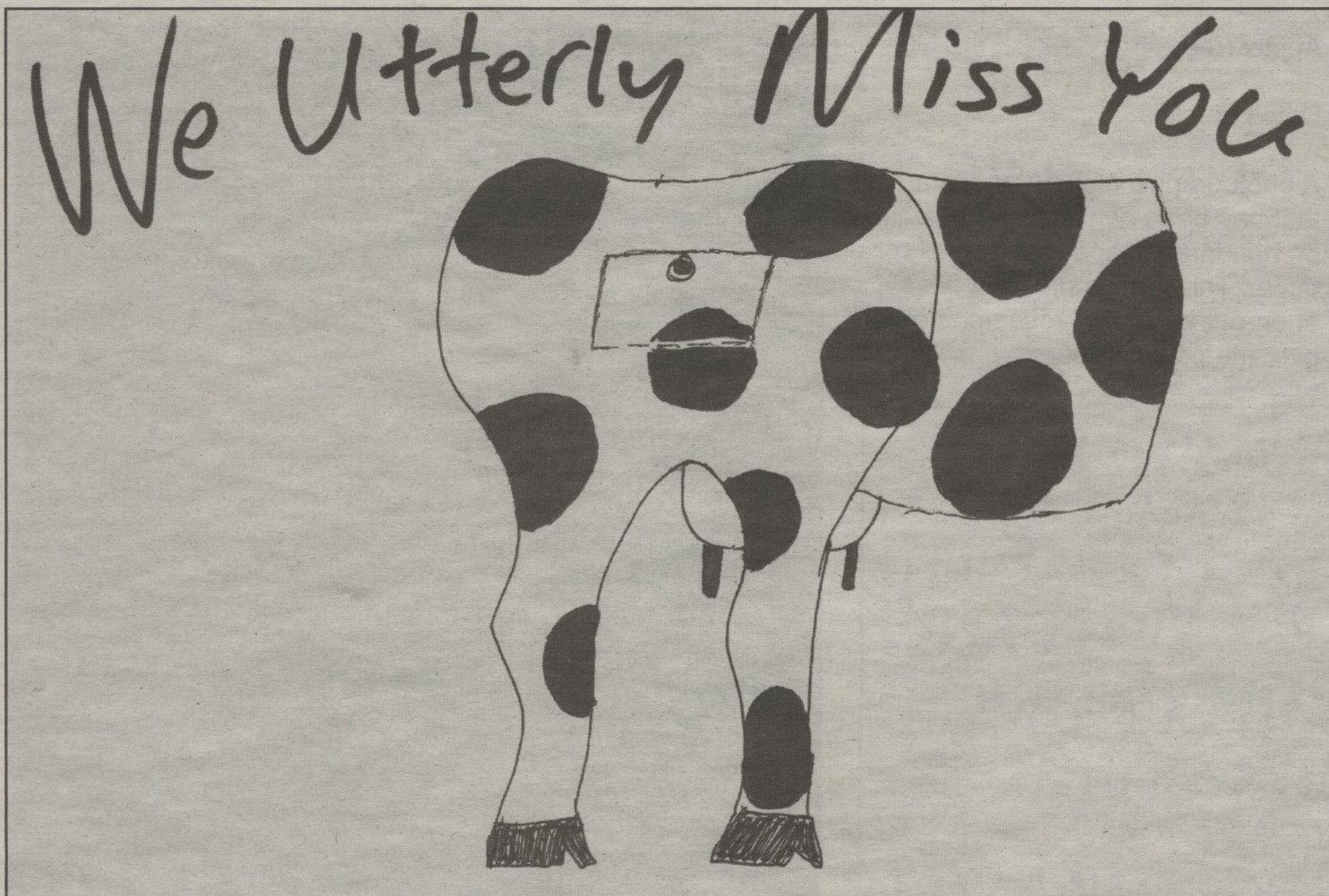
Since returning to Dordt for her senior year, Walstra has experienced plenty of excitement as well. She was recently engaged to senior James Vande Glind. Although she is unsure what she will be doing for an occupation next year, it's not something she's concerned with right now.

"People need to stop asking what I'll be doing next year," Walstra said. "I'm kind of willing to start anywhere. I'll find my way, I suppose. James wants to teach in a Christian school, so we'll see where he gets a job."

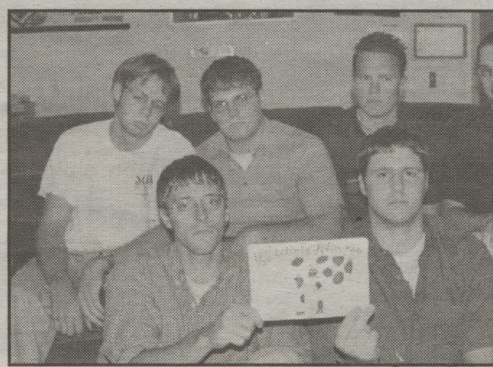
As she prepares to graduate from college, she is grateful for the Christian education she has received at Dordt.

"I really do feel they've prepared me for life, especially in my career and being able to integrate my religion into my studies," Walstra said. "I'm not just studying the little parts of things, but I'm studying God's creation. Those thoughts are always in the back of my mind."

September 26, 2003



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Cowardly crime committed

Drawn by the cow owners

Rosie Grantham

Staff Writer

Campus crime has increased at an alarming rate, judging by the number of "Lost" items listed on the Today. People are missing sunglasses, jackets, beloved brown sandals, and even chapel! But even these petty thefts seem mild when compared to the most dastardly of deeds ever committed against upperclassmen: The Theft of the Hallowed Half-Holstein. Who would have a heart so hardened that they would steal a room mascot? The former caretakers of the beloved beast cannot imagine who could be so cruel.

Apparently Big Bessie's behind has quite a history on Dordt's campus. Originally starting out as a prop illustrating the technique of artificial insemination, the bovine behind was given a new beginning by some seniors participating in a bigger and better contest. When that class of '95 graduated, the cow was passed on to the next room of seniors and on down through the ages, each class leaving a memento of their passing within the belly of the beast's behind. Until this year, when the protruding posterior was pilfered from its summer sanctuary of a storage shed.

Although the southview six are unable to pinpoint an exact date, it is known

that the dapper Dairy-aire was stolen sometime between the night of Tuesday, August 26 and around 11am on Wednesday the 27th registration and the first day of classes this year. The six sorrowful roommates began soliciting everyone they knew who used the storage shed, searching their rooms, trying to catch whoever was in possession of their cow, but to no avail. Roeda expressed his frustration in a private interview with the Diamond. "This is a full-sized back end of a cow," said the crying California native. "It doesn't just get up and walk away." Dan Oldenkamp, one of bereaved brothuhs in Southview 307, became extremely emotional during the interview. "The things stored in the tail end of that beast

have lasted for years!" he wept. "These are things they [senior classes] wanted their children to see!" Oldenkamp became incomprehensible in his grief, and had to be helped onto a nearby couch. Roeda voiced the room's plea in desperation. "Please, just give us our cow back. If you love cows that much, just give her back and we'll cook you a steak dinner."

D.C. students get soaked in Shakespeare

Lindsey De Jong

Features Editor

Twenty students and two professors from Dordt College recently traveled to Spring Green, Wisc. to attend performances of Shakespeare's Two Gentlemen of Verona and The Tempest at the American Player's Theater.

After congregating at the early hour of 4:30 on Saturday morning, the group of English majors and Shakespeare fans, led by Dr. Bob De Smith and Dr. Mary Dengler, set off in caravan including two Dordt vans and a trailer outfitted with camping gear. The plan was to drive eight hours there, set up camp, attend a three o'clock matinee and then an eight o'clock evening show in the completely open-air theatre.

Continual rain forced the group to spend the afternoon under

a big top tent eating lunch, playing games and throwing out optimistic phrases about the rain stopping soon. Ethan Koerner says his favorite part of the trip was, "learning lots of big words like superfluous and copasetic" He was reportedly heard saying frequently, "ach, English majors."

Meanwhile the rain continued, and after talk of sacrificing Andrew De Young to the rain gods, the group prepared to troop up to the theater to catch the first show. De Smith helped his students prepare by handing out various articles of his own waterproof clothing. Their preparation turned out to be unnecessary, however, when the first show was cancelled.

The pack of disappointed students and professors decided they deserved a good meal and headed to the finest restaurant in Spring Green. The Shed, although at first met with some skepticism,

provided a satisfactory feast and bolstered the group to try for the second show.

Despite the unceasing downpour, the theater began the showing of *The Tempest*. Well into the first act the rain forced the actors to stop, and a fifteen-minute hold was called on the play.

Eventually the actors decided to continue and the Dordt crowd, pathetically unequipped with only a few tarps and ponchos, decided to stay as well. By the end of the performance, actors and audience alike were soaked. As the final curtain call was given and the crowd stood to go, the rain ended.

After coming to the end of the trip, most of those involved agree that they could only laugh about the situation, and despite the toil, it was worth it. Dr. De Smith commented, "We had a lot of fun, just not the kind we expected."

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The Pit

The earth around thee stood conspicuous
The green brown
Stones
each bore a name
The sky above
darkened
Yet the aroma of sweet flowers I smell

I leave thee not
for thou holdest the man I know

A herd of people around thee stood
As though trees
Crying
Weeping
Wailing
For the man thou hold hostage
They know

I leave thee not
for thou holdest the man I know

How didst thou get here?
I desire thee not but
Thou were chastised by the fruit for which the
First man tasted

Yet I leave thee not
for thou holdest the man I know

By Salome Toryem

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"Bonhoeffer" causes audiences to reflect on own Christian lives

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Staff Writer

"Bonhoeffer" is a ninety minute documentary that has been generating excitement since its debut. Despite being rejected by the influential Sundance Film Festival, producer Martin Doblemeier worked with churches in the area surrounding the independent film celebration to show his creation anyway. Doblemeier had put decades of thought into this documentary, and was rewarded by sold-out showings and positive reviews from the many people who left the film festival to see his work. The film is presented in typical documentary fashion, including everything from rare family video footage of Bonhoeffer to interviews with his surviving peers and other modern theologians. The focus is not so much the where and when of Dietrich's life, but the how and why.

Bonhoeffer grew up in an educated German family, and decided at the age of fourteen to study theology. He excelled in those studies, and after being influenced by experiences in a variety of countries, he returned to German to teach. When Hitler rose to power, Bonhoeffer opposed him publicly for his policies. But the church soon fell for Hitler's propaganda. After moving to England to minister for a year and a half, Dietrich returned to lead a Confessing Church seminary. This denomination was the only one to officially oppose Hitler, and the seminary was eventually shut down. Then, Bonhoeffer was led down a road that eventually involved him in a plot to assassi-



Dordt College photo

"Bonhoeffer," will be shown on Thursday, Sept. 25 at 7:30 p.m. in the B.J. Haan

nate Hitler. This was out of character for Dietrich, whose Christianity made him an avid pacifist. The documentary explores how he came to do such an extreme thing.

Ken Boersma, Vice President for Dordt Student Services, says that this is "a movie that will cause each of us to reflect on our own Christian life." The moral issues that troubled Dietrich Bonhoeffer have become emotionally detached history class debates. Yet, to live honestly before God as a follower of Christ, Bonhoeffer had to make many questions of guilt and righteousness his own, and then find the answers. How he came to his answers, and how they came to shorten his life on earth, are topics that are still worth exploring today. Dordt College students (and members of the surrounding community) have an opportunity to begin this exploration at "Bonhoeffer", showing for free this Thursday night at 7:30 P.M. in the BJ Haan auditorium.

Good Movies. . .

. . .but worth waking up for?

--SECONDHAND LIONS--

--UNDERWORLD--

--MATCHSTICK MEN--

Jack Maatman

Staff Writer

So I have this problem, I fall asleep during movies. It's not like I want to or I say, "Hey, I want a good snooze, I'll pop in a movie," it's just this habit that I have. The question is, is it because I'm tired or because the movies I watch are no good, and don't keep my attention?

This past weekend I watched three of the new movies that came out, "Secondhand Lions," "Underworld," and "Matchstick Men." If you want to know the truth, I feel asleep in two of them. It's not that I watch them so late at night either--well, OK, Underworld was from about 1 am to 3 am--but I watched Secondhand Lions from 10-12 at night. If I had to pick one for you to watch, I'd say watch "Secondhand Lions." The reason I say this is the acting in Secondhand Lions is very good, the story is very good, and while I was awake I had a good time.

If you are not familiar with the basic plot of Secondhand Lions, it's quite simple (this is revealed in previews and the first 5 min or so), these two uncles, Hub and Garth, have a ton of money, or that's at least what everyone thinks, so Walter (Haley Joel Osment) is literally dropped off by his mom to get the loot. The movie goes from there. It's not offensive. It's not earth-shattering. It's not a movie that I stayed awake for, but I did

stay awake for quite a while.

"Underworld." If you are into vampires or werewolves or both, you'll like Underworld. It's a story about how the vampires are slowly killing off all the werewolves (or lichen) and what happens when some secrets are revealed. The acting is OK. The story seemed OK, while I was awake. What struck me about this movie is the lack of red—even in the poster there was no red. There is some blood but it looks muted and dark. It's almost like the movie had no life in it—even though they were immortal.

So, if I had to choose, if I had to give you a hard and fast recommendation, I'd say see Secondhand Lions. If you were willing to see a movie that has been out for a while I'd say see Matchstick Men—I stayed awake for this one.

Matchstick Men is about con men, no con artists. Nicolas Cage plays an obsessive compulsive con artist who discovers he has a daughter. The acting in this movie is outstanding. Nicolas Cage and Sam Rockwell play amazing con men—artists. This movie will give you something to think about, and talk with your friends about.

The summary: I stayed awake for Matchstick men. I slept through the last parts of Secondhand Lions. I slept through a good portion of the middle and end of Underworld. Hopefully this will help the decision making this week and weekend.

Check this out!

Jason Mulder

Entertainment
Page Editor

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LIFE
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The Minnesota Vikings are off to a strong 3-0 start after their win against the Detroit Lions last Sunday. All the Viking victories have come over division rivals, putting the Vikings in the driver's seat of the NFC North.

Keep your eyes on the Detroit Tigers, who are on pace to break the all-time record for losses in a single season, a record now held by the 1962 New York Mets. The Tigers need to end the season with under 120 losses, and with games remaining against the red hot Minnesota Twins and division rival Kansas City Royals, their chances are not looking very good.

This is the last week of the Major League Baseball season, and the races for the wild card berth in each league are very tight. Watch for the Florida Marlins and Philadelphia Phillies in the National League, and the Boston Red Sox and the Seattle Mariners in the American League.

The Women's World Cup started this past week, and the USA women's team looks like they are ready to defend their 1999 title. In their first game last Sunday, the women defeated Sweden 3-1. The goals were scored by Kristine Lilly, Cindy Parlow, and Shannon Box; all assisted by Mia Hamm.

Oklahoma and Miami remain on the top of the college football rankings. Each team plays an unranked opponent in the upcoming week, so look for things to stay just like they are.

Ever wonder where the word golf came from? During the time of Shakespeare, a new game was invented in Scotland called "Gentlemen Only, Ladies Forbidden." Thus the word golf was introduced as an acronym into the English language.

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Dordt's baseball team gloves new coach

Andrea Dykshoorn

Staff Writer

After five years as the assistant coach of the Dordt's Men's Baseball team, Jeff Schouten has taken over the lead role. And he's no stranger to the world of baseball.

A 1996 alumni of Dordt College, he played baseball for Dordt's team throughout his college years. After graduating, he spent three years each at Sheldon Christian and Rock Valley. In addition, he has been the head coach of Unity Christian's JV baseball team for the past seven years.

When asked about the most difficult part about stepping into the role as head coach at Dordt, Schouten points to "a lot of behind the scene details and responsibilities, things I didn't have to do as an assistant coach." However, "bright spots with some freshmen" and "a productive fall" point towards a promising spring season for the young baseball team.

Schouten encourages all students to come out and support the team,



Beka Schreur

Head baseball coach Jeff Schouten watches his team run drills at a recent practice. This is Schouten's first year as head baseball coach at Dordt.

as it provides not only entertainment, but also the occasion for "a great social gathering."

Though Schouten is known on campus mainly for his work with the baseball team, his job description is much broader than to be

labeled as simply the new head coach.

In addition to teaching HPER 101 and various other HPER activity courses, he has also acquired the demanding job of intramural sports director.

But while baseball and other activities keep him busy, Schouten sees a second meaning to the words "home run," making time spent with wife Liza and sons Ryer, 2 1/2, and Tanner, 5 months, a priority in his life.

Fall sports swing away

Leslie Larson

Staff Writer

YIELDING A YOUNG TEAM

Dordt's baseball team is young in many positions, but the team will also receive a considerable amount of contributions from upper classmen.

Head coach Jeff Schouten says, "I expect some of the freshman to play a major role in the upcoming season. They have had a good fall season, and with continued off season conditioning, I feel that they will be an asset for us in the spring."

UNDERLINED UPPERCLASSMEN

The golf team has excellent upperclassmen leadership this year from Michael Roetman and Joel De Wit. The underclassmen are very talented as well, and the outlook is bright for the thirteen players.

Coach Mark Christians looks forward to seeing each individual player, and the team as a whole make significant improvements to the game of golf.

Christians explains his views on golf, "Unlike most other sports,

golf gives the coach the opportunity to play the sport with and alongside the athletes. The opportunity to play with and watch players make small and large improvements in their games is most enjoyable."



Beka Schreur

A softball player waits to hit the perfect pitch.

SET FOR SPRING

The women's softball team is already warming up for the season starting in March. The team is hoping to build their program this year and improve their 11-10 conference record from last year. With five out of the seventeen players being upperclassmen, this allows for some freshmen to step up and have an opportunity to fill key positions. Head coach Don Draayer looks forward to the spring season. He said, "I enjoy watching the players develop."

Quick Hits

Jacque Socby

Sports Editor

Ok, I admit it. I'm a Royals fan. For those of you who don't know what that means, well, let's just say I have just drawn the contempt and ire of every Minnesota Twins fan on campus.

See, the Royals lost a club-record 100 games last year and finished 32.5 games out of first place in the AL Central division. No one expected them to be any better this year.

No one, that is, except manager Tony Pena, who brought his "believe" mantra to spring training last February and turned last year's laughing stock into this year's upstart. The Royals dominated their division for a good two-thirds of the season this year, a phenomenon that left the Twins and the Chicago White Sox more than a little nervous.

Admittedly, the Royals have faded of late. As of Monday, they were tied with Chicago for second place in the AL Central, five and a half games behind the Twins.

But that's not the point. I'm more than just a Royals fan. I'm an underdog fan. I'm that idiot who cheers for the teams who seemingly have no chance.

That's what made this baseball season so great. No one expected the Royals to beat anyone besides Detroit (whose losses more than triple their wins), but they did. They beat a lot more than Detroit. And it all started with a little faith from one man.

Maybe in some ways, we all have that potential to be that "one man," so to speak. Even if we're not coaching major league baseball.

There are people, both teams and individuals, who need that kind of encouragement from someone. Kids who just want to hit the ball hard enough to make it to first base, high school basketball teams struggling to win, or a doubting college graduate trying to find a job. Maybe we don't have our very own team to coach yet, and maybe we never will. But there will always be an underdog who needs a fan.